

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-7 and 9-20 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration in view of the following arguments is kindly requested.

Entry of Amendment Requested

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment by the Examiner since it raises no new issues; and the claims as amended do not require any further consideration or search by the Examiner. Further, Applicants submit that, at the least, the amendment should be entered since it reduces the number of substantive and/or formal issues to place the application in better form for appeal.

Initially, Applicants submit that the objection is improper; it appears the Examiner is indicating that the claims do not satisfy 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicants submit that the claims are definite and supported in the specification; see for example the numerous occurrences of secondary traffic, a well known term in the art.

However, Applicants have made these minor amendments to reduce the issues at appeal, in an effort to expedite prosecution. This amendment amends claims 1, 14, 15 and 20 only for form, removing "as secondary traffic" in each of claims 1 and 15, and amending claims 14 and 20 for antecedent reasons, in response to the Examiner's objections in the final office action of June 16, 2004. The Appeal Brief to be filed in due course addresses all outstanding prior art rejections. The Examiner is therefore kindly requested to enter these amendments for purposes of appeal.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

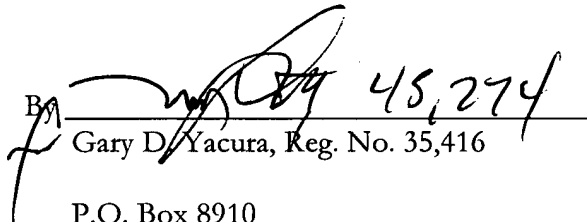
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$110.00 extension fee herewith.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Matthew J. Lattig at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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